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THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

Private and confidential:

Toronto, 16th March 1917.

Dear Dr. Falconer:-

Mr. Arnold G. Ferguson, son of Dr. John Ferguson of 264 College Street, has made application for National Service, and is desirous of being authorized to take employment with his brother on a farm out near Mimico. He would like to be authorized to go at once, and I understand it is necessary to acquaint you with his intentions and have your permission for his so doing, and this letter is being written for the purpose of obtaining your sanction to the proposed arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

W. David McPherson

R. A. Falconer Esq., C.M.G., LL.D., etc.,
President, University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

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March 17th, 1917

Hon. W. D. McPherson,

Parliament Buildings,

Toronto.

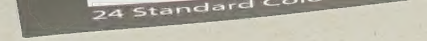
Dear Mr. McPherson:

I have already had an application from Arnold S. Ferguson requesting the same favour that you ask for him in your letter, but I am sorry that we cannot grant it. We have laid down regulations by which it is necessary to abide. These are : (1) that those who are required for farm labour must be asked for officially through the Department of Labour of which Dr. Riddell is Secretary : (2) that we cannot allow any student to leave and get credit until the first of April; (3) that he will only get credit on condition that the professors report that he has been doing his work satisfactorily and would be likely to pass his examinations; (4) that he shall undertake to work continuously giving a maximum of his time during the summer.

I think that you will recognise that these regulations are reasonable and that it would be impossible for us to make exceptions. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.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